

I am opposed to anything which lowers the requirements for "easy surveillance by law enforcement agencies" because measures like this are "band-aids." There are problems in our current system, based on the climate of the moment. Lowering the barrier to surveillance makes it easier to acquire evidence in cases where the suspect has been extremely careful to avoid leaving enough evidence to acquire a warrant. These are the same types of people who will use encryption, which renders increased surveillance useless.

Band-aids like this do not solve problems, they perpetuate more band-aids. The next logical step when increased surveillance fails because of cryptography is to mandate backdoors in cryptographic programs. This is a band-aid as well. The algorithms used in cryptographic programs are already available to anyone. Only the careless criminals with no resources will be ensnared by this--everyone else will make or use programs with no backdoor.

Do not add pointless red tape to an already broken system, it makes everyone's life harder. Continue targeting criminals through the channels available, until you can demonstrate how a new system will improve things.